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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2009, in which all pending claims 1-50 were subject to restriction and election of species, and include the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 2; and Election and Remarks, beginning on page 6.

Applicant requests an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. A credit card authorization for payment of extension fees is submitted herewith. Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same. If additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required for this response to be considered timely, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for the necessary period of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such extension to the deposit account set forth above.